

REMARKS

Upon entry of this preliminary amendment, claims 24-46 will be pending in the application. Claims 1-23 have been canceled. Claims 24-46 have been added. This preliminary amendment follows an election by Applicant dated March 24, 2006, in which Applicant elected Species II (embodiment shown in Figures 9-17) with traverse. All claims now pending in the application, namely claims 24-46, read on Species II.

Applicant respectfully submits that the subject application is now in condition for allowance. Applicant believes that no additional fees are required. In any event, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2789 for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

**Respectfully submitted,
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